New National Highway in Madhya Pradesh

† 3483. SHRI BALK AVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when construction work of the new National Highways announced by Government a few months back is likely to commence;

(b) the major cities of Madhya Pradesh which are proposed to be linked with this new National Highway; and

(c) by when construction of the National Highway would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) The development and maintenance of National Highways including the recently declared new National Highways is a continuous process and is taken up based on condition of National Highway, traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and overall availability of funds.

(b) The major cities railing on the newly declared National Highways in Madhya Pradesh are given.below:—

NH No.	Name of the road	Major cities Jabalpur-
12 A	Chilpi border	Jabalpur, Mandla
59 A	Indore-Betul	Indore, Khategaon, Harda, Betul
75-Extn	Rewa-Ranchi	Rewa, Gurh, Sidhi, Singrauli
86-Extn	Sagar-Dewas	Sagar, Gyaraspur, Vidisha, Raisen, Bhopal, Sehore, Ashtra, Sonkach, Dewas
92	Gwalior-Bhongaon	Gwalior, Mehgaon, Bhind

(c) As already indicated in part (a) above development of National Highways is a continous process.

Conversion of Dhodar Ali road into NH in North-Eastern Region

3484. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state whether Government propose to convert the historical Dhodar Ali Road connecting Golaghat, Jorhat, Sivasagar and Dibrugarh into a National Highway?

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.